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Total Claims Fee	17	*20	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	3	** 3	0	x \$43.00	x \$86.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	
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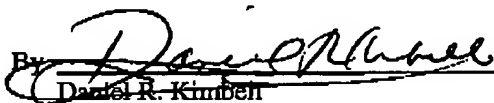
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**Application No. 10/080,818**

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